

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Kanji MIHARA et al.
Serial No. : 09/257,127
Filed : February 25, 1999
For : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING IMAGE
ENCODING, ENCODING SYSTEM, TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
AND BROADCAST SYSTEM
Examiner : Y. Lee
Art Unit : 2613



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	18	Minus	** =53	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	2	Minus	*** =17	* 0 x	\$84 (42)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

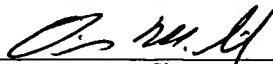
- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280(140) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the _____ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a _____ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims _____ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 28, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.